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**THIS PAGE:** Magnificent image of a Catalina in its element. VR-BPS was delivered to the US Navy as PB5-5A BuNo 46633. After being surplused it went through many owners until acquired by the PBY enthusiast group Plane Sailing in Britain where it carried the Bermuda registration VR-BPS. On 27 July 1998, the aircraft was damaged in a water landing in Southampton, England, and two were killed. The aircraft was recovered for restoration but was deemed an eyesore at the airport and scrapped on 27 June 2012. (Plane Sailing)

**COVER:** Greg Herrick's Stinson Model A tri-motor. (Golden Wings)

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